

AGED HERMIT DIES, VICTIM OF ROBBERS

Body, Still Warm, Found on Roadside Near Egg Harbor. Heart Failed Under Attack

\$365 IN HIS POCKETS

John Ditch, an eighty-year-old hermit and inventor, was found dead on a back road near Egg Harbor this morning by Henry Lehman and August Weider, two duck hunters of Egg Harbor.

There were cuts and bruises on the old man's arms and hands. The authorities believe he died of heart disease when an attempt was being made to rob him.

Trucks along the road indicated that Ditch had been dragged through the dirt toward a clump of bushes. As his body was still warm when found the police suspect that Ditch's assailants were frightened off by the approach of Lehman and Weider, who reached the spot in an automobile.

\$365 Found in Pocket

Ditch was lying on his back when found, his right hand held closely over his lower vest pocket. A roll of money totaling \$365 was found in this pocket. It is believed that the man gave his life in protecting this from his assailants and collapsed during the struggle. Big bruises on his wrists bear out this theory. A bank book showing that he had \$1200 on deposit was also found on him.

For many years Ditch has been a recluse in the neighborhood of Egg Harbor. He came there about forty years ago. He made a dugout on the side of a slope which was roofed by the foliage of overhanging trees and latched at those who paid big rents. He lived in it for thirty-eight years.

Although efforts were made at various times to eject him it could never be definitely determined who owned the spot of ground where the hermit made his home.

Invents Lumber Machine

He earned a living as a woodsman and advancing age seemed to have little effect on his physical power. A few years ago while studying the machinery used in cutting and piling wood Ditch was inspired to invent a machine which would eliminate the work of numerous men.

He told a resident of the place that it was a perpetual motion machine.

Ditch required a place for his working tools, and a few days later he moved to an abandoned shack near an old schoolhouse. There he set up a shop and devoted all his spare time to perfecting the invention. It was rumored that while the machine did not possess the merit claimed by Ditch, it nevertheless could be used by lumbermen.

Many are of the opinion that he had received an advance payment on the cost of a machine from a prospective lumbering concern.

Leaves No Relatives

Once a week Ditch went to town for his supplies. His dingy dress and gaunt appearance created much attention, but he paid no heed to those who watched him on his weekly visit.

He has no relatives. Old residents of Egg Harbor say the hermit was formerly an officer in the French Army, and came to this country following a controversy in his native land. One or two persons who gained Ditch's confidence said he was well versed on affairs of the day, and showed by his language that he had been well educated.

Dr. Michael Frank, who examined the body, said the man's death was due to heart disease.

ART ALLIANCE SHOWS CATHEDRALS OF WORLD

Collection of Photographs Goes on Exhibition

The Philadelphia public has the opportunity of viewing an unusual collection of photographs of European and American cathedrals at the Art Alliance, 1825 Walnut street. The exhibition, which opened today, will continue through Tuesday of next week. Admission is free. The exhibit is open on week-days from 10:30 A. M. to 9 P. M., and on Sunday from 1:30 to 5 P. M. It is loaned by the American Federation of Arts, and was obtained for this city through the efforts of the Executive Committee of the Cathedral League of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Coincident with the exhibition of photographs the Art Alliance is holding in an adjoining gallery an exhibition of ecclesiastical crafts, work in copper, enameled, silver, stained glass, wrought iron, etc., suitable for church decoration.

McADOO, ILL. QUILTS STUMP

Former Cabinet Member Ordered by Physician to Rest

Judge City, Kan., Oct. 25.—William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, was unable to deliver his scheduled address here today because of illness.

Mr. McAdoo's address at Syracuse, N.Y., this afternoon, and Denver to-night also were cancelled, upon the advice of his physician who ordered complete rest.

The former Cabinet member became suddenly ill last night after leaving Wichita, Mr. McAdoo will not make another address in the interest of the Democratic campaign until he has left Salt Lake City and then only with the consent of his physician, he said today.

Reported Missing

Persons Reported Missing in Philadelphia Today

Ruth Mace, nineteen years old, 6044 Haverford avenue, missing from home Monday. She is five feet five inches tall and weighs 134 pounds. She has brown hair and eyes, and wears a pink blazer and a brown cape, pink pattern skirt and gray shoes and stockings.

Mary DeLore, fourteen years old, 1629 Chestnut street, left home Monday to go to school at Ninth and Mifflin streets and did not arrive there. She is five feet two inches tall and weighs 105 pounds. She has light complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes, and wears a gray gingham dress, a black coat with a fur collar and brown shoes and stockings.

Nathaniel Robinson, a Negro, thirty-two years old, five feet eight inches tall and weighing 145 pounds, has been missing from his home, 175 West Pine street, since Saturday. He wore a blue suit with a pin stripe, tan shoes and a brown soft hat.

Theresa Bruhn, eleven years old, 5810 Haverford avenue, has been missing since he left home Monday at noon. He is three feet six inches tall and weighs ninety pounds. He wore dark clothes, black stockings, tan shoes and a dark cap with the letter "H" on it.

Laura Harris, colored, 408 South Lancaster street, has been missing since Saturday. She is five feet tall and weighs 150 pounds.

Beauty Contestants



Miss JOHN G. PARKER at top. Below Miss NINA M. SHANNON.

At the Artisans' charity ball masque in the Academy of Music Monday evening Miss Nina Marie Shannon will represent Norwood, Delaware County, and Mrs. John G. Parker, 2905 West Lehigh avenue, Girard Assembly.

Asbury Park Jeweler Robbed

Asbury Park, N. J., Oct. 25.—(By A. P.)—Report was made to the police today that the home of James Boral, a jewelry salesman, was entered last night and a leather bag, said to have contained jewelry value at \$5000, taken. The bag is said to have been within five feet of the bed in which Mr. and Mrs. Boral sleep.

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CAN'T FIX ON SITE FOR SCHOOL HOME

Board Has Cash, but Is Unable to Reach Agreement on Proper Spot

NEED OF PLACE ADMITTED

Wanted—One administration building by the Board of Education.

The members would be glad if one would turn up unexpectedly, for they have been wrestling with the problem for some time.

The diversity of opinion as to where it should be placed is the hitch that has prevented its construction for some time. The money is practically on hand, but the decision as to location seems as far off as ever.

Located now with part of the administration offices at Nineteenth and Ludlow streets and the overflow in the old Grant School Building at Seventeenth and Pine streets it has caused confusion and loss of time in carrying on school business. In addition supply store houses and warehouses are scattered in different sections of the city.

The plan some years ago was the purchase of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Building on Chestnut street, above Ninth. That property is now the Federal Reserve Bank and out of consideration. Next it was thought best to erect a new building at Nineteenth and Ludlow streets and to buy up the small properties in the rear.

At the beginning of the Parkway boom four lots were purchased on Arch street, east of Sixteenth. Although the location in this place is excellent many members have decided that the space is not large enough and the three industrial establishments just to the rear would handicap the work and cause poor lighting of the offices.

Lately it was found that the site of the old Spring Garden Market, Twenty-Second and Spring Garden streets, which on one side faces the Parkway, could be bought at advantageous terms and the matter was taken before the committee. The opposition to that site takes the stand that it is too far from the center of the city.

The board has on hand \$500,000 in cash, which was raised by a special one-quarter mill tax for an administration building last year and in addition the value of the Arch street properties

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MORAL TONE IMPROVING, SAYS PHILA. PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Mudge Asserts Jazz Period Is Passing
Atlantic City, Oct. 25.—The period of jazz which set in at the close of the World War is gradually coming to an end, in the belief of the Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the General Presbyterian Assembly who is here attending a committee meeting of the denomination.

"The throwing aside of all restraint, brought about by the mingling of the sexes during the war days," declared Dr. Mudge, "is now passing."
"The extreme styles, the indecent dancing and the pocket flask are very seldom seen now at these affairs."

In speaking of the financial conditions of the churches throughout the country, Dr. Mudge stated that all are prospering.

CANADIAN BANK ROBBED

Cracksmen Cut Wires and Steal \$10,000 and Securities

Stonerville, Ont., Oct. 25.—(By A. P.)—A band of cracksmen swooped down on this town early today, cut telegraph and telephone wires, broke into the Standard Bank, drilled open the safe door and escaped with approximately \$10,000 in cash and a quantity of securities.

South Sixteenth street, reported the theft of clothing valued at \$250.

Theft of an automobile, valued at \$850, was reported by E. Ray Fisher, who resides in the Walton Hotel. The machine was parked on Broad street near the hotel.

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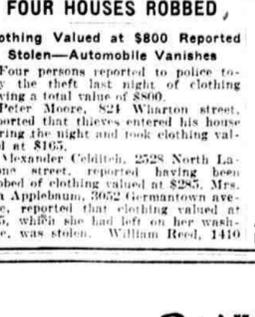
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